



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



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## House Bill 5331

### **An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Join in State Contracts for the Purchase of Services**

**Planning and Development Committee  
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As the agency responsible for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services for state agencies, the Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") offers the following testimony concerning **House Bill 5331, An Act Authorizing Municipalities to Join in State Contracts for the Purchase of Services.**

House Bill 5331 amends C.G.S. §4a-53 to provide that any contract for the purchase of services by a state agency may include a provision requiring the contractor to offer the same services at the same cost to municipalities. DAS respectfully submits that **this legislation is unnecessary** because DAS already includes such provisions in its statewide contracts for both goods and services.

Municipalities currently use a wide variety of the state's contracts for goods and services. Municipalities have the authority to do so by virtue of the contractual provisions that we currently include in our contracts. DAS acknowledges that municipalities are not able to purchase off of all of its contracts. Contracts that are agency-specific or location-specific may not be conducive to such general application. The proposed legislation recognizes this fact and would not alter the *status quo*. As such, DAS believes that House Bill 5331 is redundant.

Thank you for considering DAS's views on this bill. If you have any questions about this testimony, please contact DAS's legislative liaison, Andrea Keilty (713-5267).